## In the Claims

1. (Original) An adaptive system modeling method comprising:

selecting from a plurality of candidate features of a system a set of input features and a superset of the input features and other features by using a baseline significance signature;

generating a system model by using data corresponding to the selected input features set;

maintaining online data corresponding to the superset of the input features and other features collected from the system;

determining a new significance signature of the system by using the online superset data to perform a discriminant analysis of the candidate features; and

detecting an evolutionary change in the system by comparing the new significance signature and the baseline significance signature.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising selecting new input features by using the new significance signature.
  - 3. (Original) An adaptive system modeling method comprising:

determining a baseline significance signature of current behavior of a system by performing a discriminant analysis;

selecting from a plurality of candidate features a set of input features and a superset of the input features and other features by using the baseline significance signature;

generating a system model by using data corresponding to the selected input features set; and

maintaining online data corresponding to the superset of the input features and other features collected from the system.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising:

evaluating an accuracy of predictions by the system model based on additional input features data;

determining a new significance signature of the system by performing another discriminant analysis of the candidate features, if the accuracy of the system model predictions is below a predetermined accuracy level; and

selecting new input features by using the new significance signature.

- 5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the additional input features data is obtained from the online collection of data.
  - 6. (Original) An adaptive system modeling method comprising:

determining a baseline significance signature of current behavior of a system by using a decision tree methodology to perform a discriminant analysis;

selecting from a plurality of candidate features of a system a set of input features by using the baseline significance signature; and

generating a system model by using data corresponding to the selected input features set.

7. (Currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform the method of claim 1, the program instructions when executed by the machine operable to:

select from a plurality of candidate features of a system a set of input features and a superset of the input features and other features by using a baseline significance signature;

generate a system model by using data corresponding to the selected input features set;

maintain online data corresponding to the superset of the input features and other features collected from the system;

determine a new significance signature of the system by using the online superset data to perform a discriminant analysis of the candidate features; and

detect an evolutionary change in the system by comparing the new significance signature and the baseline significance signature.

8. (Currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform the method of claim 3, the program of instructions when executed by the machine operable to:

determine a baseline significance signature of current behavior of a system by performing a discriminant analysis;

select from a plurality of candidate features a set of input features and a superset of the input features and other features by using the baseline significance signature;

generate a system model by using data corresponding to the selected input features set; and

maintain online data corresponding to the superset of the input features and other features collected from the system.

9. (Currently amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform the method of claim 6, the program of instructions when executed by the machine operable to:

determine a baseline significance signature of current behavior of a system by using a decision tree methodology to perform a discriminant analysis;

select from a plurality of candidate features of a system a set of input features by using the baseline significance signature; and

generate a system model by using data corresponding to the selected input features set.

## 10. (Currently amended) A computer system, comprising: a processor; and

a program storage device readable by the computer system, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processor to perform the method of claim 1; and a processor operable to execute the program of instructions to:

select from a plurality of candidate features of a system a set of input features and a superset of the input features and other features by using a baseline significance signature;

generate a system model by using data corresponding to the selected input features set;

maintain online data corresponding to the superset of the input features and other features collected from the system;

determine a new significance signature of the system by using the online superset data to perform a discriminant analysis of the candidate features; and

detect an evolutionary change in the system by comparing the new significance signature and the baseline significance signature.

## 11. (Currently amended) A computer system, comprising: a processor; and

a program storage device readable by the computer system, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processor to perform the method of claim 3; and a processor operable to execute the program of instructions to:

determine a baseline significance signature of current behavior of a system by performing a discriminant analysis;

select from a plurality of candidate features a set of input features and a superset of the input features and other features by using the baseline significance signature;

generate a system model by using data corresponding to the selected input features set; and

maintain online data corresponding to the superset of the input features and other features collected from the system.

12. (Currently amended) A computer system, comprising: a processor; and

a program storage device readable by the computer system, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processor to perform the method of claim 6; and a processor operable to execute the program of instructions to:

determine a baseline significance signature of current behavior of a system by using a decision tree methodology to perform a discriminant analysis;

select from a plurality of candidate features of a system a set of input features by using the baseline significance signature; and

generate a system model by using data corresponding to the selected input features set.

13.-15. (Canceled)